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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.142 AND 1.143

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Dear Madam:

In response to the Official Action mailed for this application on November 14, 2003 and in accordance with Rules 142 and 143 of the Rules of practice, please enter and consider the following remarks. It is believed that no fees are due for this response. Nevertheless, a Fee Transmittal form is included with this submission, specifically authorizing the Director to credit any overpayments and/or charge any additional fees during the pendancy of this application to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in this application. The Examiner has required, in the Office Action, a restriction of the pending claims to one of the following claim groups:

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